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11:30 – 12:30 pm

PAPER I

(50 marks)

Instructions:

1. **This paper contains 7 printed pages. Please check.**
2. Write your **Examination Number** in the spaces provided on top of each page of this question paper.
3. The paper has **50** multiple choice questions. Answer **all** the questions. Each question carries **1** mark.
4. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered.
5. Hand in your question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

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SECTION A

SOCIAL STUDIES (35 marks)

Answer **all** questions by encircling the letter corresponding to the correct answer

1. Which of the following institutions implements policies initiated by the executive branch in Malawi?
   A. civil service
   B. local assemblies
   C. judiciary
   D. legislature

2. Which of the following is a social impact of refugees in the world?
   A. increase in crime rate
   B. pressure in hospitals
   C. environmental degradation
   D. high unemployment rate

3. Which of the following ethical values does United Nations show when they visit prisoners of war?
   A. respecting rule of law
   B. sympathy and empathy
   C. respecting people's rights
   D. racial and ethnic equality

4. Which of the following is the function of Statutory Corporations?
   A. scrutinising government actions
   B. protecting rights of citizens
   C. promoting good governance
   D. providing essential services

5. Why is broadcasting foreign cultural events in local television channels important?
   A. promotes understanding of other people
   B. encourages competition for cultural supremacy
   C. promotes societal attitudes and values
   D. encourages acquisition of foreign resources

6. Which of the following critical issues relating to provision of social services is affected when learner to teacher ratio is high?
   A. affordability
   B. accessibility
   C. quantity
   D. quality

Members of village **X** destroyed property of some people who had come into their area because they had heard from the community radio that they were magicians. Use this information to answer questions 7 and **8**.

7. What term **best** describes the action taken by the villagers?
   A. discrimination
   B. prejudice
   C. xenophobia
   D. justice

8. Which of the following would be the cause of the action by the villagers?
   A. fear of competition
   B. fear of unknown
   C. lack of knowledge
   D. influence of media

9. Which of the following promoted the spirit of contact and dialogue in resolving disputes?
   A. Jimmy Carter
   B. Kamuzu Banda
   C. Henry Dunant
   D. Florence Nightingale

10. Which of the following cultural practices encourages development?
    A. belief in traditional medicine
    B. traditional chains of commands
    C. early marriages
    D. paying of bride price

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Mrs Zimbe, a mayor in a certain city has managed to keep the city clean and reduce crime rate during her reign. Use this information to answer questions **11** and **12**.

11. Which of the following branches of government does Mrs Zimbe belong?
- A. statutory
- B. legislative
- C. local
- D. central

12. Which of the following principles of good governance is being portrayed by Mrs Zimbe?
- A. transparency
- B. effectiveness and efficiency
- C. separation of powers
- D. accountability

13. Which of the following binds nomination of beneficiaries on the pension fund?
- A. mandatory life insurance
- B. revoked by divorce
- C. preservation and portability
- D. members to pay contribution

14. Which of the following is a cultural factor that influences high birth rate in a country?
- A. age at marriage
- B. high fertility rate
- C. use of contraceptives
- D. value of children

15. Which of the following challenges in the implementation of convention for protection of refugees restricts free flow of asylum seekers in host countries?
- A. inadequate financial and technical resources
- B. lack of ratification of international conventions
- C. emergence of interconnected global issues
- D. violation of principle of non-refoulement

16. Which of the following is the importance of joining a Student Union?
- A. access to maternity protection
- B. better salaries are negotiated
- C. access to legal assistance
- D. better working conditions

17. Which of the following principles of peaceful co-existence allows the developing countries to prosper?
- A. mutual non-aggression
- B. mutual benefits
- C. peaceful interaction
- D. mutual non-interference

18. Which of the following policies protects domestic industries from competition with multi-national corporations?
- A. trade liberalisation
- B. market liberalisation
- C. market deregulation
- D. import substitution

19. Which of the following is a duty of international observers in the electoral process?
- A. campaigning for the ruling party
- B. monitoring impartiality of the electoral body
- C. tabulating and certifying election results
- D. setting up polling stations in all constituencies

20. Which of the following situations causes inflation in a country?
- A. increasing public expenditure
- B. reducing the value of a currency
- C. importing more goods
- D. raising national income

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James and Jane got married after their uncles had agreed without seeking their consent. Use this information to answer questions **21** and **22.**

21. Which of the following ways of entering into marriage did James and Jane use?
A. customary
B. civil
C. elopement
D. cohabitation

22. Why would the marriage between James and Jane more likely to break up?
A. there was no perseverance
B. the bride price was not paid in full
C. there was no free choice of partner
D. courtship period was short

23. Which of the following international peace initiatives was formed after the end of the First World War?
A. United Nations
B. Camp David Accord
C. League of Nations
D. Middle East talks

24. Which of the following is the role of the state?
A. establishing international relations
B. providing technical expertise
C. performing duties outside Malawi
D. defending and upholding the constitution

25. Which of the following are negative implications of economic globalisation?
1. migration of skilled workers to developed countries
2. unequal distribution of resources between rich and poor countries
3. killing of people within a short time
4. increase in crime rate

A. 1 and 2
B. 1 and 3
C. 2 and 4
D. 3 and 4

26. Which of the following taxes is collected by involving companies to file annual tax returns explaining their income and expenses?
A. Value Added Tax
B. Pay As You Earn
C. Withholding tax
D. Corporate tax

27. Which of the following is a way in which citizens can participate in national service activities?
A. offering to assist the elderly
B. teaching the masses about democracy
C. instituting policies and laws
D. organising cultural events

28. About 32 African countries participated in 2025 African Cup of Nations.

Which of the following factors enhanced cooperation between the countries involved?
A. international organisations
B. common political ideologies
C. organised sporting activities
D. economic interdependence

29. Which of the following aspects is promoted by a developed country when it forces a developing country to allow same sex marriages?
A. neo-colonialism
B. dependency syndrome
C. budgetary support
D. good governance

30. Which of the following steps is followed in lodging a complaint against a financial institution?
A. giving correct information
B. making prompt payments
C. being alert to information
D. seeking legal counsel

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Mr Somba stopped supporting his daughter after divorcing his wife. Use this information to answer questions **31** and **32.**

31. What quality of responsible parenthood is lacking in Mr Somba?
A. good modelling in values
B. ability to nurture independence
C. ability to provide basic needs
D. talk in positive way

32. Which of the following is a case of human right violation done by Mr Somba?
A. child abuse
B. child labour
C. child neglect
D. child trafficking

33. How does the provision of education contribute to the social economic development of a country?
A. builds human capabilities
B. improves educational attainment
C. facilitates expansion of markets
D. helps the growth of industries

Kayenda was advised to go out of counselling room during his sister's engagement ceremony since he was not married. Use this information to answer questions **34** and **35**.

34. Which of the following factors made Kayenda to be discriminated against?
A. racism
B. ethnicity
C. economic status
D. cultural attitudes

35. Which of the following would be the effect of the action to Kayenda?
1. depression
2. harassment
3. isolation
4. oppression

A. 1 and 2
B. 1 and 3
C. 2 and 4
D. 3 and 4

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SECTION B

LIFE SKILLS (15 marks)

36. Which of the following is an example of employee risk?
A. spoilage of goods
B. thefty
C. dishonesty
D. reduction in demands

37. Which of the following factors influence people to live peacefully in the community?
A. good governance
B. conflict resolution
C. international peace agreements
D. respect for sovereignty

38. Which of the following situations explains how sexualisation affects human behaviour?
A. influences seductive behaviour among girls
B. influences people to dress in line with their sex
C. encourages people to be attracted with each other
D. helps one to feel satisfied with opposite sex

39. Which of the following should a blood donor know before donating blood?
A. recipient of the blood
B. storage facility for blood
C. quality of the blood
D. quantity of the blood

40. Which of the following ethics does an entrepreneur follow when providing high quality goods and services?
A. respect for customers
B. respect for workers
C. trustworthiness
D. kindness

41. Which of the following ways of preparing for a job interview can give an individual high chance of success?
A. give money to the employer
B. concentrate on personal profile
C. study the job description
D. arrive at the venue early

Kadutsa's classmates laughed at him for giving a wrong answer, since then he rarely volunteers to respond to a question. Use this information to answer questions **42** and **43**.

42. Which of the following skills does Kadutsa display?
A. self-discrimination
B. low self esteem
C. self-stigmatisation
D. high self esteem

43. Which of the following would have contributed to Kadutsa's behaviour?
A. discrimination
B. lack of friends
C. peer pressure
D. lack of confidence

44. What is the advantage of following instructions when taking drugs?
A. prevents wrong dosage
B. prevents medical complications
C. reduces drug abuse
D. reduces drug resistance

45. Which of the following ways could be used to promote morals and values at the school?
A. respecting human rights
B. frequent punishments
C. having self-awareness
D. having positive role models

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A certain famous musician constructed a school block in a certain area as some learners were learning under the trees. Use this information to answer questions **46** and **47**.

46. What term is used to refer to the musician's initiative?
- A. corporate affairs responsibility
- B. corporate social transfer
- C. corporate business venture
- D. corporate social responsibility

47. Which of the following could be the benefits of the initiative to the musician?
1. positive business reputation
2. access to financial resources
3. creating good learning environment
4. negative media attention

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 1 and 3
- C. 2 and 4
- D. 3 and 4

48. The following are challenges faced when dealing with cultural practices that promote the spread of HIV and AIDS **except** the fear of
- A. being divorced.
- B. being excommunicated from the community.
- C. being impregnated.
- D. some chiefs to face sabotage from subjects.

A form four student at a certain Secondary School spends most of his time on social media. Use this information to answer questions **49** and **50**.

49. Which of the following would be the effect of this behaviour to the student's education?
- A. drug and substance abuse
- B. poor performance
- C. negative tendencies
- D. social interactions

50. Which of the following skills may be lacking in the student?
- A. self confidence
- B. negotiation skills
- C. communication
- D. time management

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